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EVENT: Guilty Plea

Defendant: Darren Johnson

FORMER UNION PRESIDENT PLEADS GUILTY TO THEFT

A former President of the National Treasury Employees Union, Chapter 78, Darren Johnson, pleaded guilty today to theft of union funds, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced today.

Murphy was joined in the announcement by Ian Burg, District Director, Detroit District Office, U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Labor-Management Standards.

The information presented to the court at the time of the plea to an Information showed that between 2002 and 2004, while Johnson was the President of Chapter 78, he embezzled over \$13,000 by making unauthorized ATM cash withdrawals from the Chapter's checking account and, additionally, by writing and cashing unauthorized union checks.

Under the terms of the plea agreement, Johnson faces up to six months

imprisonment and a fine of up to \$20,000. Johnson will also be required to make full restitution.

“The charges that led to this guilty plea underscore the seriousness with which my office and the Office of Labor-Management Standards view allegations of corruption by union officials, as well as our strong commitment to investigating and prosecuting these types of cases,” U.S. Attorney Murphy said. “The U.S. Attorney’s Office is committed to the principle that no one is above the law, and we will work aggressively to hold union officials to the high standards of the law.”

The case was investigated by Investigator Randal Cummings of the Office of Labor-Management Standards. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney James M. WoucZYna.